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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-99-019**

TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ Roberta E. Waggoner (for)  
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: New Program Review Council Meeting

The Risk Management Agency New Program Review Council meeting scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. central daylight time, May 19, 1999, as previously announced in Informational Memorandum R&D-99-014, has had an agenda change. Due to delays in the development of the initial feasibility study, processing pumpkins will not be presented. However, the agenda is being revised to include a discussion of crops on the new product development agenda for the 2000, 2001, and 2002 crop years. This will include RMA's plan to contract some product development out to the private sector through the Federal procurement process.

An updated agenda is attached. If your participant(s) are affected by this change, please advise Elaine Taylor as soon as possible. Elaine may be reached at (816) 926-6343, or by fax at (816) 926-7343.

**DISPOSAL:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 1999.



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**New Program Review Council Meeting**  
**Kansas City, Missouri (9435 Holmes Road, Room 142)**  
**May 19, 1999 - 1 p.m. (Central Daylight Time)**

**AGENDA**

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|-----------|---|--|
| 1:00 p.m. | Introduction and<br>Review Council Overview         | Bill Jones<br>Specialty Crops Coordinator                      |
| 1:10 p.m. | Raspberry/Blackberry                                | Jo Scott, Project Manager                                      |
| 1:40 p.m. | Coverage Enhancement Option (CEO)                   | Nelson Maurice, Senior Underwriter<br>Research and Development |
| 2:10 p.m. | Discussion of the New Product<br>Development Agenda | Vondie O'Conner, Director<br>Research and Evaluation Division  |
| 3:00 p.m. | Adjourn   |  |